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For professional workers in Public Agricultural and Food Price and Income
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Origin and Purpose

These "Notes" are an outgrowth of concerns expressed at workshops of the North Central Public Policy Research Task Force representing professional workers from that region and the Economic Research Service, USDA. These workshops treated what is generally termed price and income policy issues in the agricultural and food policy area. Held in 1974-75, they reflected an interest among professional research workers for such professional interaction, an opportunity that had not been afforded for several years. These researchers expressed a belief that policy research would be enhanced and facilitated by improved communication linkages among them. This communication is a trial effort toward that end; your reactions and appraisal of its usefulness will help determine the value and future of the experiment.

Contents and Rationale

If the "Notes" are to be successful, they must serve in some vital, unique way the needs of policy researchers. The scope and function of public policy research may be set forth as:

1. Continual development of concepts, maintaining relevant current data on trends, monitoring the economic situation, and identifying emerging problems about which policy decisions must be made;
2. Characterization of existing policy provisions and the background of those policies;
3. Determination of the existing and expected impacts of those policies;
4. Identification of alternative policies and their expected consequences on existing problems;
5. Generation of new policy approaches or institutions relevant to current or anticipated priority public policy problems.

There are many necessary conditions for productive public policy research to serve this scope and function, including competent professionals, a conducive setting, and adequate funding, but also communication among researchers. This communication serves the purposes of:

1. Increased awareness of the policy situation and problems;
2. Expanded information about research being planned or in process, both to avoid duplication and to facilitate complementary effort;
3. Better understanding of theoretical and empirical research findings;
4. More peer counsel, critiques, and review.

Alternative means to facilitate this communication include existing linkages, such as publications and personal contact. However, new means may be needed and these research "Notes" are proposed as one such addition.

Thus, the objectives of the "Notes" are:

1. To encourage improved policy research through a communication linkage among public policy researchers in both the public and private policy research establishments, and these in turn with the many professionals in other policymaking and educational responsibilities;
2. To enhance researchers' cognizance to other research efforts, avoiding unnecessary duplication;
3. To disseminate research results more rapidly;
4. To maintain a thrust of interest among the core research group in agricultural and food price and income policy research.

For this first issue of the "Notes," the contents include introductory comments, announcement of upcoming policy activity, reports of research and available publications sent in by policy workers, and a tentative listing of policy workers, primarily in public institutions. The latter will be revised as a more complete list can be compiled and as changes are warranted for individual entries.

A Renewed Interest in Policy

The comment is often heard, "Policy has become important again." This is an interesting commentary about current discussions of both the general citizenry and the policy professional. It is true that the spotlight is currently shining a brighter hue on questions of world food supplies, domestic food prices, price fluctuations, and trade controls. Furthermore, due to the unusual buoyancy of farm product prices in recent years, the established minimum price or target levels of existing policies are not a market consideration.

But it is hardly true that public price and income policies have in fact been on "inactive status." Since the initiation of price and income policy in 1929, forms of policy have been in continuous existence involving

combinations of farm product price levels, target payment levels, production quotas, public marketing institutions, domestic food distribution, export and import provisions for specified products, and foreign food and agricultural development aid. The present embodiment of these policies is largely captured in the 1973 Agriculture and Consumer Protection Act effective through 1977. Its supply related and price provisions are in place, to be implemented should specified economic conditions warrant. There is no discernible propensity on the part of the policymaking forces either to substantially diminish or expand these policy thrusts. Thus, policy has been around for some time--and indeed is still with us--but perhaps the current public's concern for and the policy research establishment's response to new economic developments appear to "return policy to center stage."

Facts are indisputable, however, that the attention focused on alternative price and income policy scenarios by policy conferences, coverage in professional journals, and debate in the policy arena have been at low key recently, compared to the past two decades. Two national policy journals focusing on some of these issues have been terminated.

Whatever the reasons, the climate for policy research and improved communication among professional workers is one of receptivity. Perhaps this is substantial justification for a vehicle such as these "Notes."

Scope and Focus of Policy

Policy is a very inclusive concept, encompassing at least all private, group, and governmental actions. Public policy conveys a much more restrictive notion of actions by particular forms of governments that involve participation in the decisionmaking by the multitude of groups and individuals in any society.

Public agricultural and food policy further delimits the scope to issues concerned with the broad spectrum of agricultural production, processing, distribution, financing, technology development, education, community development, land use, etc.

Public agricultural and food price and income policy focuses on only a small but significant portion of total agricultural and food policy, namely, those governmental legislative, executive, judicial, and administrative agency decisions and actions designed to directly and primarily affect prices and quantities of agricultural products, farmer-producer incomes, aggregate food supplies and consumer costs, domestic and foreign food distribution, and regulation of international flows of agricultural products. Without any denigration of the importance or need for research in all other areas of policy, this subject matter is the primary--albeit not exclusive--scope of these research "Notes."

Policy Research Workshop

ALTERNATIVE AGRICULTURAL AND FOOD PRICE AND INCOME POLICY DIRECTIONS FOR THE UNITED STATES--RESEARCH IMPLICATIONS is the theme of a Policy Research Workshop, national in scope, to be held in Washington, D. C., on January 15-16, 1976. It is a sequel to the North Central Regional Public Policy Research Task Force Workshops and is for purposes of strengthening policy research's contribution to public decisionmaking about future national and world agricultural and food problems.

Unfortunately, funds are not available to cover costs to participants, but reasonable accommodations have been arranged to minimize costs. All professional policy workers are invited to attend and participate in the discussions. If you have not received registration materials, and desire them, please request from R. G. F. Spitze, Planning Committee Chairman, 305 Mumford Hall, University of Illinois, Urbana, IL 61801.

National Public Policy Education Conference

The 26th annual National Public Policy Education Conference will be held at Illinois Beach Lodge in Illinois Beach State Park, north of Chicago, IL, September 13-17, 1976. It is sponsored by the National Public Policy Education Committee comprising representatives from the policy educational workers and extension directors in the four regions, from the USDA Federal Extension Service, Farm Foundation, and the Economic Research Service. The Committee is now planning the program for this important educational activity and communication link in the public agricultural and food policy field.

Newsletter Editing and Publication

During a trial period, these "Notes" will be assembled by R. G. F. Spitze, Chairman, N.C. Regional Public Policy Task Force, 305 Mumford Hall, University of Illinois, Urbana, IL 61801, and publication/distribution by J. B. Penn, Program Leader, Commodity Program and Policy Analysis, Commodity Economics Division, on behalf of ERS, USDA, Washington, D. C. Your suggestions, reactions, and items of interest are welcomed, encouraged, and should be sent to either of the above.

ACREAGE RESPONSE TO POLICY VARIABLES IN CANADA'S PRAIRIE PROVINCES

Changes in the acreage of wheat, oats, barley in the Prairie provinces are related to changes in the level of initial and final payments by the Canadian Wheat Board. The estimated equations are used to illustrate how the Wheat Board can influence crop acreage by adjusting initial payments.

Inquiry should be directed to Karl Meilke, School of Ag. Econ., University of Guelph, Guelph, Ontario, Canada.

ANALYSIS OF POLICIES AND PROGRAMS AFFECTING THE COTTON SECTOR

The aim is to evaluate the short-run effects of public policy alternatives on a variety of factors including production response, farm income, and government program expenditures; also appraise the longer-term impacts of factors affecting aggregate supply response and adjustments in resource use under alternative government policies.

Inquiry should be directed to W. C. McArthur, Dept. of Ag. Econ., University of Georgia, Athens, GA 30602.

BASEBOOK ON FOOD SITUATION AND POLICY CHOICES

A reference or basebook emphasizing in separate chapters characteristics of the food supply, quality, distribution, control, and alternative policy choices, for use by extension specialists and field staff and lay readers in conducting a food policy education program.

For published information, inquire about publication, Your Food, from one of the authors and project leader, Wallace Barr, Dept. of Ag. Econ., Ohio State University, Columbus, OH 43210.

BUFFER STOCKS OF GRAIN

With the aid of a simulation model of the U.S. wheat market, the impact of publicly controlled buffer stocks on producers, consumers (domestic and foreign), and Federal government is being examined. Emphasis is on the examination of alternative stocks management rules.

Inquiry should be directed to Jerry A. Sharples and Rodney L. Walker, Agricultural Economists, CED - ERS, Dept. of Ag. Econ., Purdue University, Lafayette, IN 47907.

For published information, send for "Reserve Stocks of Grain: Analysis of Wheat Loan Rates and Target Prices Using a Wheat Reserve Stocks Simulation Model," to above authors, CED Working Paper, May, 1975, CED, ERS, USDA, Washington, D.C., 20250.

CANADA'S EXPORT MARKET DEVELOPMENT FOR AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS

To improve Canada's international market position and to facilitate the switch in farm production, the Federal government has begun a large-scale, well-financed program for the development of foreign markets for agricultural products. This study identifies the provisions of this program and its implications.

Inquiry should be directed to Reed E. Friend, Developed Countries Area, FDCD, ERS, GHI Bldg., USDA, Washington, D.C. 20250.

For published information, send for Canada's Export Market Development for Agricultural Products, ERS Foreign Ag. Econ., Report No. 107, 1975, to ERS Publications Distribution, Room 0054, S. Bldg., USDA, Washington, D.C. 20250.

CONTROL THEORY APPLICATIONS TO ANALYSIS OF AGRICULTURAL PROGRAMS

Investigation is being made of the potential contribution which mathematical control theory has for dynamic program decision-making where there is necessarily a trade-off among policy directions. The endeavor involves extending the research information into the decision making process such that more informed actions can be made.

Inquiry should be directed to Theo. F. Moriak, USDA, ERS, CED, 500 12th St., S.W., Room 391, Washington, D.C. 20250.

DAIRY PRICING AND TRADE POLICY

Research concerned with: (1) Resolving low class I utilization and pooling problems; and (2) implications of international dairy trade policy.

Inquiry should be directed to Truman Graf, 316 Ag. Hall, Dept. of Ag. Econ., Univ. of Wisconsin, Madison, WI 53706.

For published information, send for "Resolving Grade B Conversion and Low Class I Utilization Pricing and Pooling Problems," Univ. of Wis. Research Report R2503, and "International Dairy Trade Policy--Issues and Answers," Univ. of Wis., Dept. of Ag. Econ. Staff Paper Series No. 85, to Dept. of Ag. Econ., Univ. of Wis., Madison, WI 53706.

ECONOMICS OF NEW ENGLAND MILK MARKETING ORDERS

Inquiry in progress on potential impact of extending the Federal orders into northern New England, with blend price comparisons made over alternative situations.

Inquiry should be directed to Homer Metzger, Winslow Hall, Orono, ME 04473.

EFFECTS OF FARM COMMODITY PROGRAMS AND TRADE POLICY

Research in progress concerning: (1) Effects of farm commodity programs on plantings of feed grains and soybeans, (2) Effects of import restrictions on Japanese agricultural production, and (3) analysis of economic and policy conditions affecting sugar trade.

Inquiry should be directed to one of the workers involved, Vernon L. Sorenson, Dept. of Ag. Econ., Michigan State Univ., East Lansing, MI.

EFFECTS OF FARMERS' COOPERATIVES AMONG LOW INCOME FARMERS

Major objectives of research under way are to examine the nature of the markets in which low income farmers in three North Carolina counties operate and to ascertain the feasibility of establishing purchasing and selling cooperatives to improve their income positions.

Inquiry should be directed to Basil G. Coley, Dept. of Econ., North Carolina A and T State Univ., Greensboro, NC 27411.

EFFECTS OF NEGATIVE INCOME TAX POLICY ON AGRICULTURE

Research is completed and reports are in final stages of an evaluation of the effect of an experimental, three-year negative income tax program on farm product sales, input use, product mix and financial management, with sample of farmers in Iowa and North Carolina.

Inquiry should be directed to William E. Saupe, 340 Ag. Hall, Univ. of Wisconsin, Madison, WI 53706.

EFFECTS OF PRICE SUPPORT PROGRAMS ON INCOME INEQUALITY

An attempt to estimate the consequences of eliminating all major farm commodity programs on the inequality of the size distribution of farm household income (all income). Tentative results show programs have increased full income inequality 5 to 10 percent.

Inquiry should be directed to Bruce L. Gardner or Dale M. Hoover, Dept. of Econ. and Business, N.C. State Univ., Raleigh, NC 27607.

For published information, send for "U.S. Farm Commodity Programs and the Inequality of Farm Household Income: A Full Income Approach," An Economic Research Report, 1975, to above authors and address.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STUDY OF RESORT INDUSTRY IN WESTERN NORTH CAROLINA

Study is designed to find out the interactions between the resort industry and the rest of the community. Policy strategies pertaining to the enhancement of well being in the study area via the "quality of life" measurements are part of this inquiry.

Inquiry should be directed to David Chen, Dept. of Econ., N.C. A & T State Univ., Greensboro, NC 27411.

EUROPEAN COMMUNITY'S PREFERENTIAL TRADE ARRANGEMENTS

The EC has commitments to extend some benefits of the Community to 46 developing countries, nearly all former colonies in Africa, the Caribbean, and the Pacific. This planned study will review all these preferential arrangements in some detail in order to assess their possible implications for U.S. agricultural exports.

Inquiry should be directed to Reed E. Friend, Developed Countries Area, FDCD, ERS, GHI Bldg, USDA, Washington, D.C. 20250.

GREAT PLAINS AGRICULTURAL POLICY SEMINAR

Purpose of seminar at Denver, CO, May 19-20, 1975, was to provide better understanding of policy issues and to build communication links among policy researchers in the Great Plains and the West.

Inquiry may be directed to authors of some of the papers, Thomas A. Miller, Econ. Dept., Colorado State Univ., Fort Collins, CO 80523 (on Uniqueness of Instability to the Plains), and to Daryll E. Ray (on Commodity Reserves), Dept. of Ag. Econ., Oklahoma State Univ., Stillwater, OK 74074, or to one of the organizers, James S. Plaxico, same Oklahoma address.

Proceedings available, approximately \$1.50 per copy, from O. Wendell Holmes, 205 Filley Hall, East Campus, University of Nebraska, Lincoln, NE 68503.

INTERRELATIONS OF POLICIES OF MAJOR WHEAT EXPORTERS

Research in progress concerning economic comparisons of the major wheat exporters of U.S., Canada, Australia, and Argentina, their agricultural policies directed at wheat, and the effects of these policies on exports and other variables.

Inquiry should be directed to R. G. F. Spitze, Stephen C. Schmidt, and John Murray, Dept. of Ag. Econ., Univ. of Illinois, Urbana, IL 61801.

MARKET INFORMATION SYSTEMS FOR POTATO GROWERS

Concerned with development and improvement of market information systems for Maine potato growers and their use of and attitudes toward present information sources and methods.

Inquiry should be directed to Neil H. Pelsue, Jr., 207 Winslow Hall, Univ. of Maine, Orono, Maine 04473.

For published information, send for Utilization of Production and Marketing Information by Maine Potato Producers, Bulletin No. 716, LSA Agr. Ext. Sta., 1975, to Pelsue at above address.

NEW DIRECTIONS IN SWEDISH AGRICULTURAL POLICY

Recent Swedish agricultural policy developments include selective consumer subsidies to hold down food prices, incentives for expanding agricultural production, and the development and use of new indexes for determining farm prices. Protective levies continue to be applied to imports.

Inquiry should be directed to Reed E. Friend, Developed Countries Area, FDCD, ERS, GHI Bldg., USDA, Washington, D.C. 20250.

For published information, send for New Directions in Swedish Agricultural Policy, Foreign Agricultural Econ. Report No. 104, 1975, to ERS Publications Distribution, Room 0054, South Building, USDA, Washington, D.C. 20250.

OVERVIEW OF FEDERAL MARKET ORDERS FOR FRUITS, VEGETABLES, AND NUTS

Research in progress describes extent of regulation under orders and provides comparative analysis of their impacts; publications forthcoming.

Inquiry should be directed to Walter J. Armbruster, NEAD, ERS, Room 263, GHI Bldg., USDA, Washington, D.C. 20250.

POLICY CHANGES IN EC

Policy was highlighted in the European Community in 1974-75 by a large increase in target and support prices.

Inquiry should be directed to Reed E. Friend, Developed Countries Area, FDCD, ERS, GHI Bldg., USDA, Washington, D.C. 20250.

For published information, send for The Agricultural Situation in Western Europe (Annual release), ERS Foreign Ag. Econ. Report No. 100, 1975, to ERS Publications Distribution, Room 0054, S. Bldg., USDA, Washington, D.C. 20250.

POLICY FORMULATION FOR AGRICULTURAL COOPERATIVES

Interest was to promote better use of self-help cooperatives as a substitute for direct government intervention in price and income.

Inquiry should be directed to Jack C. Thompson, Dept. of Ag. Econ., Univ. of Georgia, Athens, GA 30602.

For published information, send for Policy Formulation for Agricultural Cooperatives at the Board of Director Level, Research Report 160, Georgia Exp. Sta., Athens, GA 30602.

POLYSIM

A policy simulation model using as input baseline projections and elasticities obtained from other research has been developed at Oklahoma State and extended under research agreements with CED, ERS, USDA. Polysim is a comprehensive, low cost, quick-turn-around model for evaluating the impacts of alternative farm programs on most crop and livestock sectors and aggregate agriculture.

Inquiry should be directed to Daryll E. Ray, Dept. of Ag. Econ., Oklahoma State Univ., Stillwater, OK 74074.

For published information, send for a copy of "Explanation and Use of an Agricultural Policy Simulator (POLYSIM)", 1975 AAEA contributed paper, to above author and address.

PRICE DISCOVERY AND MECHANISMS FOR DETERMINING AGRICULTURAL PRICES

Question is how prices are made or discovered as opposed to the traditional approach which deals with the function of prices and the determination factors that cause price changes. Attempt at a theoretical framework and also empirically measuring the public as well as the private benefits of clearinghouse mechanisms as an institution for price determination.

Inquiry should be directed to Olan D. Forker, Dept. of Ag. Econ., 205 Warren Hall, Cornell Univ., Ithaca, NY 14853.

For published information, send to above author for copy of "Agricultural Prices in the 1970s: How Will Value Be Established?", Southern J. of Ag. Econ., July 1974.

QUANTITATIVE RESEARCH PROCEDURES FOR ANALYSIS OF AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION AND PRICES

Research under way concerns: (1) Development of models to take account of risk in supply analysis; and (2) Study of effects of variation in feed prices on the beef sector. Inquiry should be directed to W. G. Tomek, Dept. of Ag. Econ., Warren Hall, Cornell Univ., Ithaca, NY 14853.

RESEARCH PROJECTS INITIATED

They are concerned with: (1) Factors affecting levels of U.S. private carryover stocks of wheat and what might be done to assure adequate carry-over stocks; (2) agricultural export controls and policy alternatives; (3) Economic limitations to feeding the world's growing population and policy alternatives.

Inquiry should be directed to John R. Moore, Dept. of Ag. and Resource Econ., Univ. of Maryland, College Park, MD 20742.

THEORETICAL AND EMPIRICAL WELFARE EFFECTS OF CANADIAN STABILIZATION PROGRAM

Canada's approach to stabilization of the livestock industry differs from stabilization programs in recent economic literature. This study under-way shows, in theory, the economic benefits of Canada's programs and provides an empirical analysis of benefits of alternative stabilization programs for the pork sector.

Inquiry should be directed to Larry Martin, School of Ag. Econ., Univ. of Guelph, Guelph, Ontario. "Stabilization With a Deficiency Payment Program--Some Theoretical Considerations and Empirical Analysis from the Canadian Situation," by Larry Martin and Donald McLaren.

For published information, send for 1975 AAEA contributed paper as listed above by contacting first author at above address.

TRADE POLICIES

Research under way concerning: (1) Review and analysis of agricultural trade policies in the 1950s and 1960s; (2) Review article on problems and prospects of international grain reserves; (3) Preparation of a report on "North American Agriculture in a Changing World Economic Environment;" (4) Paper on "Commodities and the New International Economic Order."

Inquiry should be directed to T. K. Warley, School of Ag. Econ. and Ext. Ed., Univ. of Guelph, Guelph, Ontario, Canada.

U.S. AGRICULTURAL SECTOR MODELING

A purpose of the research project is to facilitate analysis of policy alternatives in food and agriculture.

Inquiry should be directed to John N. Ferris, Dept. of Ag. Econ., Michigan State Univ., East Lansing, MI 48824.

U.S. AND CANADIAN POLICY ISSUES IN BEEF INDUSTRY

Research in progress shows variations in spatial flows as selected institutional barriers are imposed at the U.S.-Canadian border. The price of nationalistic policies related to beef trade is easily identified.

Inquiry should be directed to Thomas Stout, Dept. of Ag. Econ. and Rural Soc., Ohio State Univ., 2120 Fyffe Road, Columbus, OH 43210.

Policy Research Publications Available (as sent in)

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BREIMYER, HAROLD F. AND OTHERS, Central Issues in Agricultural Policy, Univ. of MO, Ag. Expt. Sta. Special Report 163, 1974. For copy of this proceedings of a Seminar, request from Breimyer, as one of authors and organizer, at Dept. of Ag. Econ., Univ. of Missouri, Columbia, MO 65201.

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GRAF, TRUMAN, "Analysis of Plans to Increase U.S. Dairy Imports," Univ. of Wisconsin, Dept. of Ag. Econ. Staff Paper Series 67, and "Impact of Conversion to Grade A on Federal Milk Orders," Staff Paper Series 90. For copy, request from Dept. of Ag. Econ., Univ. of Wisconsin, Madison, WI 53706.

GUITHER, HAROLD D. AND OTHERS, Death and Taxes: Policy Issues Affecting Farm Property Transfers, North Central Regional Extension Publication 40, 1975. For copy, check with extension public policy specialist in your state or request single copy from Guither, 305 Mumford Hall, Univ. of Illinois, Urbana, IL 61801.

GUNN, T. I., "California Market Order Influences." For copy, request from author at Dept. of Ag. Econ., California State Univ., Fresno, CA 93740.

MARTIN, LARRY, AND ANTHONY C. ZWART, "A Spatial and Temporal Model of the North American Pork Sector for the Evaluation of Policy Alternatives," American Journal of Agricultural Economics, February, 1975. For copy, send request to Larry Martin, School of Ag. Econ., Univ. of Guelph, Guelph, Ontario, Canada.

MEILKE, KARL, "An Aggregate U.S. Feed Grain Model." For copy, request from author at School of Ag. Econ., Univ. of Guelph, Guelph, Ontario, Canada.

- MORIAK, THEO F., "National Policy Alternatives for Food and Fiber Production and Consumption Analytical Framework;" another report also authored by R. P. Strickland and W. R. Grant, "International Trade Model: A User's Manual."
For copies of above, request from Moriak at USDA ERS CED, 500 12th St., S.W., Room 391, Washington, D. C. 20250.
- PETERSON, E. E., coauthored with J. G. Kendrick, "The People-Food Equation," NACTA Journal, June, 1975.
For copy, request from Peterson, Dept. of Ag. Econ., Univ. of Nebraska, Lincoln, NE 68503.
- PIGGOTT, R. R., "Potential Gains from Controlling the Distribution of the U.S. Apple Crop," Search, January, 1976.
For copy, request from Mailing Room, Cornell Research Park, Bldg. 7, Ithaca, NY.
- RAY, DARYLL E., paper entitled "Simulation Analysis of Alternative Target Price and Loan Rate Combinations;" "A Simulation Analysis of a Reserve Stock Management Policy for Feed Grains and Wheat," Southern Journal of Ag. Econ., July, 1975; and "Policy Issues and Research Results for U.S. Agriculture," Oklahoma Current Farm Economics, March, 1975.
For copies of above, request from author at Dept. of Ag. Econ., Oklahoma State Univ., Stillwater, OK 74074.
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For copies of above, request from author at Dept. of Economics, South Dakota State University, Brookings, SD 57006.
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For copy, request from author at School of Ag. Econ., Univ. of Guelph, Guelph, Ontario, Canada.
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- WEBSTER, FRED C., "Rationalizing Milk Market Orders in New England," paper presented to NEAC meeting in Orono, Maine, 1975.
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For copy, request from S. B. Weeks, Extension Economist, James Hall, Univ. of N.H., Durham, NH 03824.
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